

HISTORIC 1893.

The Chronological Record of a
Great American Year.

1893 Began the DRI-CENTENNIAL.

-93 has elections

-93, Oct. 2, 1893

Politics and Pestilence, Labor Disturbances, Disasters Figure Prominently

1893 Annuus Notable Anniversary Celebrations—Deaths of Prominent Men.

The year 1893 has been remarkable in at least two respects. Very few years in all the world's history have been marked by such a general peace, though war was threatened in many places, and yet there have been several stupendous political revolutions, chief among them those in Great Britain and the United States. Death has been busy among the great. Tennyson and Whittier—poet laureate of the British Empire and the poet of freedom—have passed to the bosom of Divinity. Death has twice visited the White House.

In the annals of labor and general business the year was certainly one without precedent. There were more destructive riots in 1877, and there have been years of greater abundance, but it is claimed by experts that in 1892, for the first time in America, there was at least average prosperity contemporaneous with great industrial disturbances. The bloody conflict at Homestead, Pa., and in east Tennessee, in Idaho and Wyoming, and the comparatively bloodless labor riots elsewhere, will certainly make the year a notable one in economic history.

Though there has been no war there have been many disasters, and in the first half of the year the losses by fire, flood and windstorms in the United States were many. Four great tornadoes killed nearly 200 people, and four great mining disasters destroyed as many more. It is estimated that about 6,000 lives were lost in the United States by great accidents—among them \$2 by the fall of a bridge on the Licking river, 196 by fire and flood on Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, and many in minor disasters. Great accidents by flood, fire and explosion, great riots among laborers, and tremendous political revolutions—these will certainly make 1893 memorable in history.

DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION.

Property and Lives Sacrificed During the Year Through Fires, Explosions, Etc.

JANUARY.

1. Fire in Nashville; loss, \$175,000; deaths, 2.

2. Town of Fairbrook, Ills., destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.

3. Killed in a collision on the Wabash, R. R., in Illinois.

4. 25 deaths from fire damp explosion at Krebs, L. T.; injured, 15.

5. Fire destroyed a factory in Waterbury, Conn.; loss, \$300,000.

6. A large wooden warehouse fire in New York city; loss, \$100,000.

7. Grand opera house block burned in Waukesha, Wis.; loss, \$200,000.

8. Buildings burned at Alpena, Mich.

9. 5 killed by explosion at Phoenix Powder mills, Central City, W. Va.

10. 19 patients killed and 21 injured in a hospital fire at Indianapolis.

11. Five hundred people homeless by a fire at Beverly, W. Va.

12. A block of buildings burned in Columbus, O.; loss, \$200,000.

13. A \$300,000 fire at Elberfeld, N. J.

14. Cotton factory burned at Chester, S. C.; loss, \$200,000.

15. Building shell burned at Meridian, Miss.; loss, \$100,000.

FEBRUARY.

1. The Appomattox Valley courthouse building destroyed by fire.

2. Shoe factory burned at Danvers, Mass.; loss, \$100,000.

3. 2 business blocks burned in Rochester, Ills.; loss, \$150,000.

4. Hotel Royal burned in New York city; 30 deaths.

5. Large fire in building portion of Memphis, loss, nearly \$1,000,000.

6. Grand Central hotel burned at El Paso, Texas; 200 dead.

7. The grand home block burned at Monmouth, Ills.; loss, \$100,000.

8. Town of New Albin, Ills., nearly destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.

9. State insane asylum burned at Jackson, Miss.; loss, \$200,000.

10. A million dollar blaze in New Orleans.

11. Library block burned in Denver, Ills.; loss, \$100,000.

MARCH.

1. The state female reformatory burned at Indianapolis; 79 inmates escaped.

2. Seven workmen killed in a railroad collision in Marion, Ind.

3. Detroit lost \$500,000 fire.

4. The Ed. Miles block burned.

5. The Allouz block burned in West Superior, Wis.; loss, \$100,000.

6. Fire damp exploded in the Anderson coal mine near Charleroi, Belgium, destroying over 200 lives.

7. Opera house and stores burned at Bloomingfield, Ills.; loss, \$100,000.

8. Gun store burned at Fort Worth, Tex.; loss, \$100,000.

9. Kittanning, Pa., lost \$10,000 by fire.

10. A \$100,000 blaze in Danbury, Conn.

11. The custom house at St. John, N. B., burned; loss, \$300,000.

12. Hardware company burned out at Oshkosh; loss, \$100,000.

13. A \$100,000 factory fire in Cincinnati.

APRIL.

1. A \$200,000 fire in Erie, Pa.

2. Furniture factory burned at Greenville, Miss.; lost, \$100,000 for fire.

3. Lead works burned at west St. Paul; loss, \$100,000.

4. Distillery burned at Portland, Ore.; loss, \$100,000.

5. Factory burned at Manitowoc, Wis.; loss, \$100,000.

6. 9 deaths by gunpowder explosion at Yonkers, N. Y.

7. The main building of Clarke university, near Atlanta, burned; loss, \$100,000.

8. 15 killed by a powder mill explosion near Lake Rondeau, N. J.

9. 8 blocks burned at Kenosha, Wis.; loss over \$600,000.

10. 15 buildings destroyed by incendiary fires at Louisville.

11. miners drowned in a flooded mine near Minersville, Pa.

12. The town of Siletz, Mich., destroyed by fire.

13. A \$200,000 incendiary fire at Gainesville, Tex.

14. The Central theater and The Times office burned in Philadelphia; loss, \$1,000,000; 12 deaths and nearly 100 people injured.

15. 63 buildings burned at Chase, Mich.; loss, \$100,000.

16. Pittsburgh lost \$300,000 by fire.

MAY.

1. Furniture factory burned at Rushville, Ind.; loss, \$150,000.

2. 7 killed and 26 injured by a train crashing through a trestle near Revere, Mo.

3. Salt works burned at Ludington, Mich.; loss, \$50,000.

4. Car factory burned at Robbinsdale, Minn.; loss, \$200,000.

5. Children buried under the falling roof of a cycling cave at Anthony, Kan.

6. Gas exploded in a coal mine at Redlyn, Wash., killing 45 miners.

7. A pottery burned at Trenton, N. J.; loss, \$175,000.

8. The capital building of New Mexico burned at Santa Fe; loss, \$250,000.

9. 11 miners killed by a cave-in at the Anaconda mine, Butte, Mont.

10. A loss of \$100,000 by a blaze at Hazleton, Pa. Shoe factory burned at Rochester, N. H.; loss, \$100,000.

11. Deaths in a collision on the "Big Four" at Cleves, O.

12. 2 killed and 15 injured in a railroad wreck at Coalton, boyce, Arkansas.

13. Bing game, L. T., damaged \$100,000 by fire.

14. A \$100,000 blaze at Chehalis, Wash.

15. Milling projects burned at Spokane Falls, Wash.; loss, \$200,000.

16. Wellington, Kan., swept by a destructive cyclone; 50 deaths; fire followed; damage, \$100,000.

17. Melting works exploded in the Mecanumqua colliery, near Wilkesbarre, Pa.

18. Coquille City, Ore., lost \$100,000 by fire.

19. 300 deaths by fire in a silver mine near Pruhonice, Bohemia.

20. Disaster by flood and fire at Old City and Titusville, Pa.; loss over \$1,500,000; deaths, 100.

21. Planing mill burned at Cleveland; loss over \$200,000.

22. People's theater at Denver and Powers' opera house at Grand Rapids, Mich., burned.

23. 100 houses burned at Chicago, Pa.

24. Fire on Union dock, Baltimore, caused a loss of \$1,000,000.

25. Train fell from a trestle at Lonesome hollow, Kentucky; 57 deaths.

26. A \$100,000 fire at Elizabeth, W. Va.

27. Bridge over Licking river at Covington, Ky., fell and killed 28 people.

28. Glassworks burned at Maurice, Ind.; loss, \$50,000.

29. Melting company's plant at Louisville, Ky., damaged by fire; \$135,000.

30. 7,000 acres of grain burned at Merced, Calif.; loss, \$100,000.

31. 12 killed and 23 injured in a collision at Harrisburg.

32. Warehouse burned in Seattle, Wash.; loss, \$400,000.

33. April.

34. Wholesale dry goods store burned at Montgomery, Ala.; loss, \$250,000.

35. Cotton warehouse burned at Providence; loss, \$70,000.

36. San Jose, Cal., visited by a fire, causing \$300,000 loss.

37. St. John's, N. F., nearly wiped out by fire; 16,000 people made homeless; 7 deaths; loss estimated at \$200,000.

38. Giant Powder works near San Francisco exploded by explosion; many deaths.

39. A \$300,000 fire at Philadelphia.

40. A \$125,000 fire at Providence.

41. 2000 feet of timber burned at St. Louis; loss, \$100,000.

42. Oil warehouse at St. Louis; loss, \$100,000.

43. 15 miners killed by gas explosion in the York Farm colliery, Pennsylvania.

44. Iron River, Wis., almost wiped out by fire; loss, \$50,000.

45. Bay City, Mich., swept by a terrible fire; loss, \$1,000,000; 1 death.

46. Bodie, Cal., nearly destroyed by fire.

47. National Bit mills burned at Paris, Tex.; loss, \$200,000.

48. White lead works burned at Joplin, Mo.; loss, \$100,000.

49. Rod Mountain Mining Camp, Colo., destroyed by fire; loss, \$250,000.

50. The Brooklyn company's carriage burned in New Orleans; loss, \$250,000.

51. 24 buildings burned in Geneva, O.; loss, \$175,000.

52. Fire damp explosion in the Pottsville coal mine near Cheyenne, Wales; 100 deaths.

53. Interior of Metropolitan opera house in New York burned; loss, \$100,000.

54. A Milwaukee brewery damaged \$250,000 by fire.

55. National Bank of Commerce, in Washington, D. C., destroyed by fire; loss, \$200,000.

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